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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRANGIE SENDING MESSENGER TO SYRIA

1. GRANGIE'S ADVISER DAHDAH INFORMED US THAT FRANGIE IS SENDING HIM TO DAMASCUS TODAY OR TOMORROW, DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS. PLANS TO SEND ENVOY OVER WEEKEND (BEIRUT 3459) DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

2. PURPOSE OF DAHDAH'S MISSION RATHER PREDICTABLE, AT LEAST IN PART. FRANGIE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF THE JANUARY AGREEMENT IS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE CAIRO ACCORD, NOW THAT ASAD HAS MET WITH THE PALESTINIANS.

3. IN RAISING ABOVE QUESTION FRANGIE ALSO WANTS TO
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ASSURE ASAD THAT HE IS IMPLEMENTING AMENDMENT TO

CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR NEW LEBANESE PRESIDENT
DESPITE THE FACT THAT SECURITY SITUATION HERE IS BY
NO MEANS THAT AGREED ON AS A CONDITION FOR PROCEEDING
WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENT. INDEED, THE
REJECTIONISTS HAVE NOT EVEN ADHERED TO THE LATEST
CEASEFIRE SO FAR.

4. DAHDAH UNDERSTANDS SYRIANS WILL REQUEST CLARIFICATION
RE PRESENCE OF SYRIAN ELEMENTS IN BOTH PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY, CHRISTIAN AS WELL AS MOSLEM.

5. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD RAISE
SECURITY PLAN WITH SYRIANS (BEIRUT 3291) DAHDAH WAS
AGAIN TOLD THAT THIS WAS A MATTER UP TO LEBANON. IN
ANY EVENT AS HE KNEW, THE SYRIAN POSITION SEMED TO BE ONE
OF WANTING TO GET ON WITH THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESI-
DENT AND LETTING THE NEW MAN GET INTO SUCH MATTERS.
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